

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec-II) DEPT

Letter No.1072/Section.II/2023/2093061

Dated 10.03.2026

From
The Principal Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati-522503.

To
The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Regional Office, Chennai, Sub-office at Vijayawada,
Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.41 ha forest land for extraction of Quartz and Feldspar in compartment No.122, Chaganam RF Venkatagiri Range, Nellore Division in favour of M/s. Chettinad Morimura Semiconductor Material (Pvt.) Ltd – Submission of Additional information - Reg.

- Ref: 1) From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/ 57/ 2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 05.05.2023.
2) State Govt.Lr.No.1072/Sec.II/2023/2093061, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 15.06.2023.
3) From GoI, MoEF&CC, Lr.F.No.4-APB216/2023-VIJ/1476, dated 07.11.2023 addressed to the PCCF/Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF & HoFF, Mangalagiri.
4) From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/57/2018-FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-3, dated 11.07.2024.
5) State Govt.Lr.No.1072/Sec.II/2023/2093061, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 24.10.2024.
6) Minutes of Forest Advisory Committee meeting held on 26.12.2024.
7) From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15029/57/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 28.02.2026.

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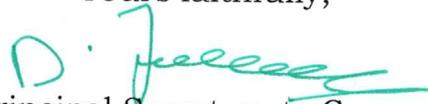
With reference to the EDS mentioned in the reference 6th cited, I am to inform that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh in the reference 7th cited, has submitted the EDS reply for consideration and onward submission of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (FC Division), Government of India, New Delhi, for necessary action under the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, and Rules, 2023, as detailed below:

Sl.No.	Information called for	Reply
i.	Justification and details of activities been proposed over common area and utilized area, which is almost 50% area of the proposed area for diversion shall be provided	The CCF, Guntur stated that, the District Mines and Geology Officer, Nellore has reported that, as per approved mining plan total applied area for quarry lease is 4.410 ha 1. Mining area: 3.45 ha 2. Safety buffer zone area: 0.66 ha 3. Road area:0.300 ha Total area :4.410 ha The following are split up of the usage of 3.45 ha mining area.

		<p>The area proposed for open cast workings: 1.40 ha Dump area:0.238 ha Common area between dumps & pits: 1.812 ha Total mining area: 3.450 ha The common area is the area between the pits and will be used for;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Forming internal roads in between 11 operating pits to inter connect the pits for movement of mining equipment and man power, temporary shelter to man power and machinery. Dressing yard for breaking and grading of crude lumps excavated, stacking of graded minerals in safety manner. <p>Hence, the common area of 1.812 ha is required for doing above activities in safety manner and it is not utilized area.</p>
ii.	<p>The proposed NFL for CA is falling within the Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary as per the DSS analysis. The State Government shall provide status of this land as per the notification of the Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary and shall certify that the proposed NFL is not part of WLS</p>	<p>The CCF, Guntur stated that, the Dy. Director, PT Giddalur has reported that, as per notification of Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary the proposed NFL CA land does not form part of Wildlife Sanctuary and falls in Eco-Sensitive Zone of Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary as per ESZ notification of NSTR.</p>
iii.	<p>The State Government shall provided the information regarding availability of the quality minerals which will be collected form the proposed forest area as in the nearby closed mine the State Government has suggested that same was closed due to low quality of minerals.</p>	<p>The CCF, Guntur stated that, the District Mines and Geology Officer, Nellore has reported that, the old nearby mines were not closed for the low quality of the minerals and it was closed due to exhaust of mineral certified by the Deputy Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Hyderabad. The applied area is fresh area and mining plan approved by District Mines and Geology Officer, Nellore. As per the mining plan the quartz and feldspar is 80% i.e., 42848 mts. For reserves.</p>

2. I, therefore, forward herewith the above additional information for further processing of the subject proposal under the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and the Rules, 2023.

Yours faithfully,



for Principal Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.

M/s. Chettinad Morimura Semiconductor Material (Pvt.) Ltd,
Old Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu.